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SUBJECT: WHO - SAUDI REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT FOR DRAFT
RESOLUTION URGING STRONG MEASURES AGAINST TOBACCO SMOKING

1. TEXT FOLLOWS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH SAUDI ARABIAN DELEGATION HAS ASKED USDEL TO CO-SPONSOR. USDEL BELIEVES THAT IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY CALIFANO'S FIRM VIEWS ON SUBJECT, WHICH HE EXPRESSED WHILE HERE IN GENEVA AS HEAD OF USDEL AND WHICH WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR US TO DECLINE TO CO-SPONSOR, OR AT LEAST TO SUPPORT. SAUDIS WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE CHANGES TO OBTAIN OUR SUPPORT-CO-SPONSORSHIP. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE NEEDED ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING
"THE THIRTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY,

"RECALLING RESOLUTIONS EB45.R9, WHAT23.32, EB47.R42, WHA24.48, EB53.R31 AND WHA29.55 CONCERNING THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF TOBACCO-SMOKING AND WAYS TOWARDS ITS LIMITATION:

"RECOGNIZING THE INCREASING AND INDISPUTABLE SCIENTIFIC
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EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT TOBACCO-SMOKING IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF CHRONIC BRONCHITIS, EMPHYSEMA AND LUNG CANCER, AS WELL AS A MAJOR RISK FACTOR FOR MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION, CERTAIN PREGNANCY-RELATED AND NEONATAL DISORDERS, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS; AND THAT IT ALSO HAS HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THOSE WHO ARE INVOLUNTARILY EXPOSED TO TOBACCO SMOKE:

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"SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE ALARMING INCREASE IN PRO-
DUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF CIGARETTES DURING THE LAST TWO
DECADES IN SOME OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH IT WAS PREVIOUSLY
NOT WIDESPREAD, AND AT THE EXTENSIVE PROMOTIONAL DRIVE FOR
THE SALE OF CIGARETTES BEING CARRIED OUT ON RADIO AND TELE-
VISION, IN NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER NEWS MEDIA WHICH IS INDUC-
ING WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO SMOKE TOBACCO;

"NOTING THAT FEW COUNTRIES HAVE SO FAR TAKEN EFFECTIVE,
COMPREHENSIVE ACTION TO COMBAT SMOKING THROUGH EDUCATIONAL,
RESTRICTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF
PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NEWS MEDIA, COMBINED
WITH COHERENT TAXATION AND PRICE POLICIES FOR TOBACCO
CULTIVATION AND CIGARETTE PRODUCTION;

"BELIEVING THAT WHO HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING
EFFECTIVE POLICIES AGAINST SMOKING, AS ENVISAGED IN THE
SIXTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK COVERING THE PERIOD
INCLUSIVE 1978-1983,

"1. URGES MEMBER STATES:

(1) TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES TO CONTROL TOABACCO
SMOKING BY PROVIDING FOR INCREASED TAXATION ON THE
SALE OF CIGARETTES AND DISALLOWING PUBLICITY FOR
PROMOTION OF SMOKING IN THE NEWS MEDIA, INCLUDING
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NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION:

(2) TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH EDUCATION CONCERNING SMOKING
AS PART OF GENERAL HEALTH EDUCATION, THROUGH CLOSE
COLLABORATION AMONG HEALTH AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND
OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE
DIFFERENT NEEDS OF THE VARIOUS TARGET GROUPS;

(3) TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF NON-SMOKERS AND THEIR
RIGHT ENJOY AN ATMOSPHERE UNPOLLUTED BY TOBACCO SMOKE;

"2. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

(1) TO CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY WHO'S ACTIVITIES IN CON-
NEXION WITH CONTROL OF TOBACCO-SMOKING;
(2) TO COLLABORATE WITH MEMBER STATES, AS REQUIRED,
IN THE FORMULATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION
OF THEIR OWN PROGRAMMES TO COMBAT SMOKING;

(3) TO ASSIST MEMBER STATES UPON REQUEST IN DEVELOP-
ING MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF PUBLICITY WITH
REGARD TO SMOKING THROUGH THE NEWS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY

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